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We claim:

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- 1 1. A navigation frame, comprising:
 - 2 a screen display including a customizable side bar; and
 - 3 dynamic HTML used by a navigator responsive to user
 - 4 input to change data presented at said screen in said
 - 5 side bar without having to communicate with a remote
 - 6 server.
- 1 2. A browser frame, comprising:
 - 2 a navigation frame;
 - 3 a content frame;
 - 4 said navigation frame including a plurality of header
 - 5 boxes;

6 responsive to user selection of an individual header
7 tab, executing dynamic html to selectively toggle said
8 individual header tab between expanded and unexpanded
9 modes, said expanded mode including the display of
10 included item tabs and said unexpanded mode not
11 including said display.

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1 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:

2 defining each said tab as a dynamic HTML division
3 capable of being moved relative distances and
4 selectively displayed and hidden in said display.

1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the steps of:

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3 upon initial load, displaying all header tabs collapsed
4 and all menu tabs hidden; and

5 responsive to selection of a target header tab,
6 selectively moving, displaying, and hiding said tab
7 with respect to other tabs in said navigation frame.

1 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of:
2 responsive to selection of a target item tab,
3 communicating with a server to refresh a content frame
4 in said browser window.

1 7. A program storage device readable by a machine,
2 tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a
3 machine to perform method steps for presenting a navigation
4 frame in a browser window, said method steps comprising:

5 loading to said browser navigation frame header
6 information and item information for expanding 3
7 individual header tabs; and
8 responsive to user selection of an individual header
9 tab, executing dynamic html to selectively toggle said 3
10 individual header tab between expanded and unexpanded
11 modes, said expanded mode including the display of
12 included item tabs and said unexpanded mode not
13 including said display.

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3 machine to perform method steps for presenting a navigation
4 frame in a browser window, said method steps comprising:

5 loading to said browser navigation frame header }
6 information and item information for expanding
7 individual header tabs;

8 responsive to user selection of an individual header
9 tab, executing dynamic html to selectively toggle said }
10 individual header tab between expanded and unexpanded
11 modes, said expanded mode including the display of
12 included item tabs and said unexpanded mode not
13 including said display;

14 defining each said tab as a dynamic HTML division
15 capable of being moved relative distances and 4
16 selectively displayed and hidden in said display.

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18 upon initial load, displaying all header tabs collapsed 5
19 and all menu tabs hidden;

20 responsive to selection of a target header tab,
21 selectively moving, displaying, and hiding said tab 5
22 with respect to other tabs in said navigation frame;

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and

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responsive to selection of a target item tab,

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communicating with a server to refresh a content frame

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in said browser window.

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9. A computer program product or computer program element

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for executing method steps for presenting a navigation frame

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in a browser window, said method steps comprising:

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loading to said browser navigation frame header

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information and item information for expanding

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individual header tabs;

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responsive to user selection of an individual header

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tab, executing dynamic html to selectively toggle said

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individual header tab between expanded and unexpanded

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modes, said expanded mode including the display of

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included item tabs and said unexpanded mode not

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including said display;

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defining each said tab as a dynamic HTML division

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capable of being moved relative distances and

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selectively displayed and hidden in said display;

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19 responsive to selection of a target header tab,
20 selectively moving, displaying, and hiding said tab
21 with respect to other tabs in said navigation frame;
22 and

23 responsive to selection of a target item tab,
24 communicating with a server to refresh a content frame
25 in said browser window.

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